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February 28th, 1919

W. B. Race, Esq.,
Ontario School for the Blind,
Brantford, Ont.

Dear Mr. Race:

Sir William Hearst and Honourable Dr. Cody have both sent me letters enclosing copies of yours in which you ask them to assist you in securing accommodation at the University. I hardly need to assure you that this was not necessary as the University would only be too glad to help you in any way we can to make the Convention for the Blind a success.

I should like to know exactly what accommodation you would require. Probably we shall have to keep one of the Residences inasmuch as the Summer Session for returned soldiers will be going on at that time, but I see no reason why you should not have the use of the other two giving accommodation for one hundred men. I will also speak to Miss Ryley about the Dining Hall. Moreover, I should like to know the size of the room that you wish for your meeting. At that time the examination for matriculation will still be going on and probably we could not let you have either the East or West Hall, but if you will let me know the kind of room you would like we will do our best to accommodate you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

W. B. RACE, B.A.,
SUPERINTENDENT

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THE ONTARIO SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
BRANTFORD

B R A N T F O R D, March 3rd, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:

I wish to thank you for the assurance contained in your letter of the 28th ultimo, that you will do what you can to assist us in our Convention in June. I did not appeal to you personally because I had heard that the Residences were reserved for other purposes this summer, and that others were making efforts to obtain them also, and I was so anxious to make our Convention a success that I hastened to enlist the sympathies of the Premier and the Minister of Education in laying before you the desirability of our great need for housing and entertaining the delegates, many of whom will be blind.

We shall probably have an attendance of more than one hundred and need a hall with a capacity of at least two hundred. However, I shall get fuller information upon this and communicate with you again.

Thanking you again for your readiness to assist us, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

W. B. Race

April 1st, 1919

Principal Rose,
Institute for the Blind,
Brantford, Ont.

Dear Principal Rose:

When you wrote to me a few weeks ago about accommodation for visiting members to the Conference for the Blind which is to be held here in June I am not sure whether or not I said anything about the Dining Hall. Yesterday, however, Miss Tyley, the Superintendent of our Dining Hall, told me that we are running at a loss now and that we cannot afford to keep it open during the summer, partly owing to the extreme difficulty in securing help, and partly also because of the loss we should incur. Therefore those visitors to the Conference who may be in our residences would require to secure their meals at some of the restaurants in the vicinity. I thought I should let you know this at once.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 9th, 1919

Principal Race,

Superintendent, Ontario School for the Blind,

Brantford, Ont.

Dear Principal Race:

Dr. F. S. Park (181 Avenue Road Toronto), who was taken a prisoner of war at the time that General Mercer was killed, gave us a fascinating talk in the faculty union about a week ago on his experience as a prisoner in Germany. I believe that if you could get him to go to Brantford he would give the Rotary Club a most entertaining address.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.